

Pastoral Council Minutes—St. Vincent de Paul
March 16, 2010

Members Present: Ann Bergman, Dave Duffy, Fr. Jack Long, Adriana Matzke, Nancy Moorman, Norm Olafson, Andrew Rem, Marci Siers, Fr. Chue Vang. Members Absent: Janice Gabrick, Rose Kahnke, Tom McMullen. Recorder: Dorothy Stevenson.

Prayer: Dave led the Bible reading, and prayers for intentions followed. Adriana will do the reading at the next meeting.

Administration: The minutes of the February meeting were corrected as follows: 1(a) should read: The subcommittee will consist of Marci, Norm, Janice, Nancy, Adriana, and Ann. Tom originally volunteered but later asked that his name be withdrawn. Item 1(d) should read: Ann sees this as an opportunity to explain [the program and process]. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Agenda Items:

1. **Nominations:** Council members have made calls to the nominees, and letters have been sent. The response has been good, with 19 declines out of 142, though a few people have yet to be reached.
2. **Council Rotation:** Andrew outlined a solution for the problem of rotation of Council members when the Council is reduced to eight members and its makeup has changed. He proposed that while this year three members will complete their terms, only two would be discerned, which would reduce the total number of members to eight. Since one of the three who complete their terms is eligible to serve a second term and will do so, only one new member would be discerned this year.

He also proposed that next year when the Council converts to five commission members and three at-large members another adjustment will have to be made. He suggests that one new member would have a three-year-term, one would have a two-year term and one would have a one-year term. The one-year-term member, and possibly the two-year-term member, could have the option of serving two additional terms. No solution was reached on what to do about the two current members whose terms will then be up, but it was noted that it is possible that they may be selected as representatives of commissions. Discussion followed on the ramifications of all this, but no formal action was taken.

3. **Information Night:** Andrew then went through a draft of the Power Point slides for Information Night and asked for comments. Discussion followed on different aspects of the program, and members were asked to email any further suggestions to Andrew. Folders with all pertinent information on the Council and Commissions will be available at the meeting. Over Arching Goals will be stressed as will the need for commitment and service to the parish—being “servant leaders”. An opportunity for questions will follow the presentation and people must be available after the meeting to talk to those who may want more information. The subcommittee will meet before that night to iron out details.

Andrew said that decisions will also have to be made for the May 11 Discernment Night on such things as how and where the small groups will meet once the large group breaks up into small groups, etc. Decisions will also have to be made on how leaders for the commissions will be trained and who should do the training..The subcommittee will meet again after Information Night to decide what steps should be taken.

Fr. Vang will be available to say a mass on Wednesday evening, April 28, and Andrew will act as lector. Marci will talk to Steve about this special mass, and will check on the possibility of having whatever choir is practicing that night sing at the mass.

4. **Pastoral Council Retreat:** The Council retreat will again be in September, and Dave and Adriana agreed to begin planning, check on a room, speaker, etc. Ann will also help in the search for possible speakers.
5. **Pastor’s Report:** Fr. Jack mentioned that the Auction for Education is coming up, and Norm asked each member to bring in a bottle of wine to his office before April 4 for the Council’s usual wine basket.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 20, 2010